

# Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

Community Based Interventions Subcommittee

April 8th, 2019  
2pm – 4pm

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review/Approval of Minutes from March 1
- Updates re: Community-Based Interventions Survey
- Presentations on District Attorney Diversion
- Questions and Discussion

# Community-Based Interventions Survey

- Surveys are out in the field
- Two Surveys:
  - Survey for Service Referrers
  - Survey for Service Providers
- Please share with your contacts as appropriate

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE  
PRESENTATIONS**

# JJPAD – Community Based Interventions Subcommittee



Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

Rachael Rollins

# Goals and Benefits of DA Diversion

- Control of most decision points
- Improve outcomes for youth
  - No Criminal Records/Labeling as Defendants
  - Reduce barriers to success
  - Treat Needs
- Reduce recidivism
  - Low-risk youth have higher recidivism rates when involved in the system
- Assess disparities at decision points
- Increase community & victim satisfaction



# SCDAO Juvenile Alternative Resolution (JAR)

- Use of Risk/Needs Assessment Tools
- Formalizing with community partners
  - Multi-collaborative approach first of its kind in Massachusetts
- Assess Outcomes
  - Statistical collection and analysis

# JUVENILE DIVERSION PROCESS

## JAR

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Appearance/Arrestment (OYAS & Initial Agreement)
- 2) YLS/CMI 2.0
- 3) “DRR” & Contract Signing
- 4) Work with Community Agency
- 5) Monitoring/Case Management by Div. Coordinator
- 6) “DFD” Final Date

## Informal Diversion

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Appearance/Arrestment (OYAS)
- 2) Final Date

# Diversion Services

- Wrap Around Services
- In-Home Therapy
- Therapeutic Mentorship
- Educational Support
- Job Skills Training & Employment
- Gang Involvement Intervention
- Restorative Justice
- Pro-Social & Recreational Activities
- Substance Abuse Treatment

# JAR Eligibility

## **Excluded Cases**

- Firearms
- Serious Bodily Injury to a Victim
- Sexual Assault

# Assessments

- **Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) – Diversion**
  - Risk-to-Reoffend: Low – Moderate – High
  - 30 Data Points Collected for Every Youth
- **Youth Level Services/Case Management Inventory 2.0 (YLS/CMI)**
  - Criminogenic Needs/Protective Factors
  - 100+ Data Points Collected for Every JAR Youth





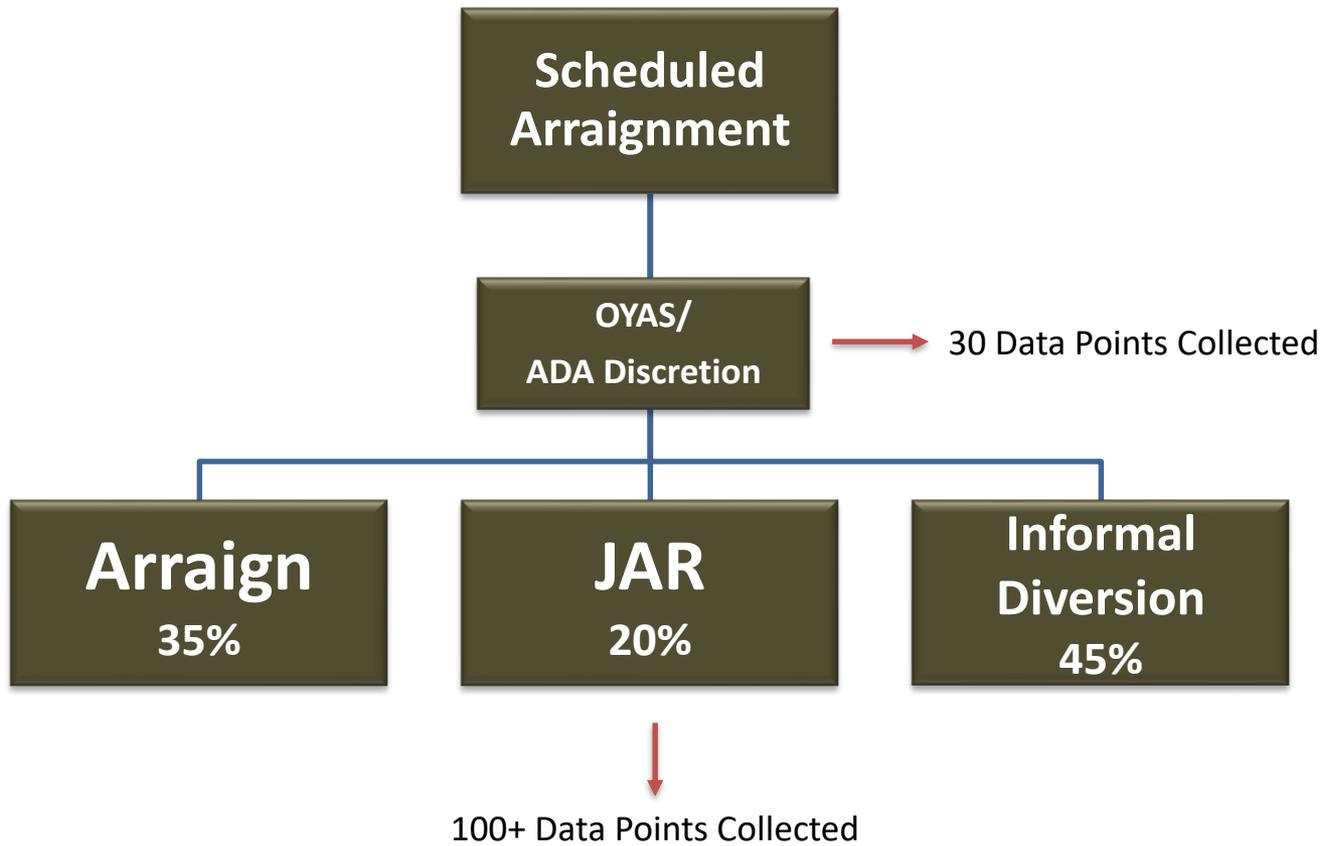
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office  
 Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program  
 Communicating Risk Assessment Information Form

**YLS/CMI Results:**

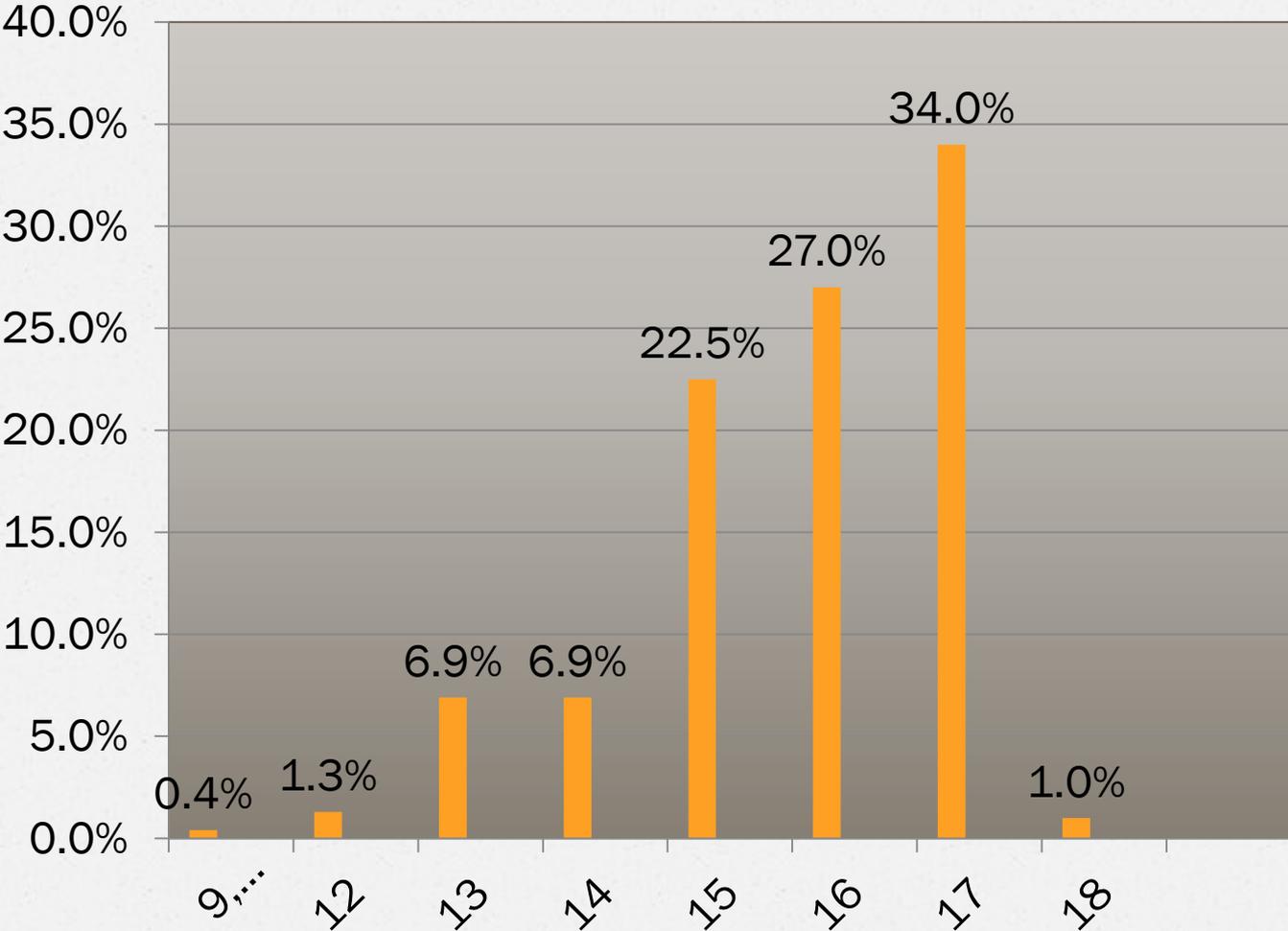
Date of Last YLS/CMI: 10/03/2017

The youth is currently at **HIGH** risk for re-offending (score **23/42**).

	Need Area	Ranking	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Circumstances/Parenting	MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate Supervision – Dad doesn't know where he is oftentimes</li> <li>Lives with Dad – Dad as housing court coming up, being evicted → Moving into shelter</li> <li>Dad cannot control [REDACTED] or his behavior AT ALL</li> <li>Inappropriate Discipline – Dad is overly permissive and does NOT punish [REDACTED]. No clear rules in place.</li> <li>See's Mom here and there (lives in area) but Mom struggles with alcohol</li> <li>[REDACTED]'s brother was murdered in [REDACTED]</li> <li>[REDACTED]'s Aunt had custody of him until she passed away, then Sister, then Dad. Dad has had custody for 4-5 years.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education/Employment	MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Truancy - Rarely attends school. Open CRA.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absent more than half of last year, Absent 48 days so far this year</li> </ul> </li> <li>Low Achievement – Poor grades, not trying AT ALL</li> <li>No issues/trouble at school because never there</li> <li>No Job – Wants one*</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peer Relations	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All friends/acquaintances are gang involved, criminally involved, or committed to DYS</li> <li>NO positive influences or role models in his life</li> <li>On/Off Girlfriend – Comfortable confiding in her</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Abuse	MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occasional Drug/Alcohol Use – Admits to smoking weed, drinking alcohol and "maybe pills here &amp; there"</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leisure/Recreation	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Organized/Structured Activities</li> <li>Could Make Better Use of Time</li> <li>Interested in football, running, videogames, sports, music, friends, going to the gym, boxing, fighting</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Personality/Behavior	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physically Aggressive – "Known for Fighting", Reports 100+ fights in 2 years, [REDACTED] states he broke someone's jaw, has been whipped by metal chains</li> <li>Temper/Tantrums – Reports being very angry, particularly after his brother was murdered</li> <li>Diagnosed with ADHD</li> <li>Poor Frustration Tolerance – Easily Frustrated</li> <li>Inadequate Guilt Feelings</li> <li>Verbally Aggressive – Yells, Curses, Threatens</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attitudes/Orientation	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pro-Criminal Attitude</li> <li>Not Seeking Help – Specifically for his anger and depression after his brother's death</li> <li>Actively Rejecting Help – Suggested to talk to someone after brother's death but refuses to</li> <li>Defies Authority – Doesn't listen to Dad or School</li> </ul>

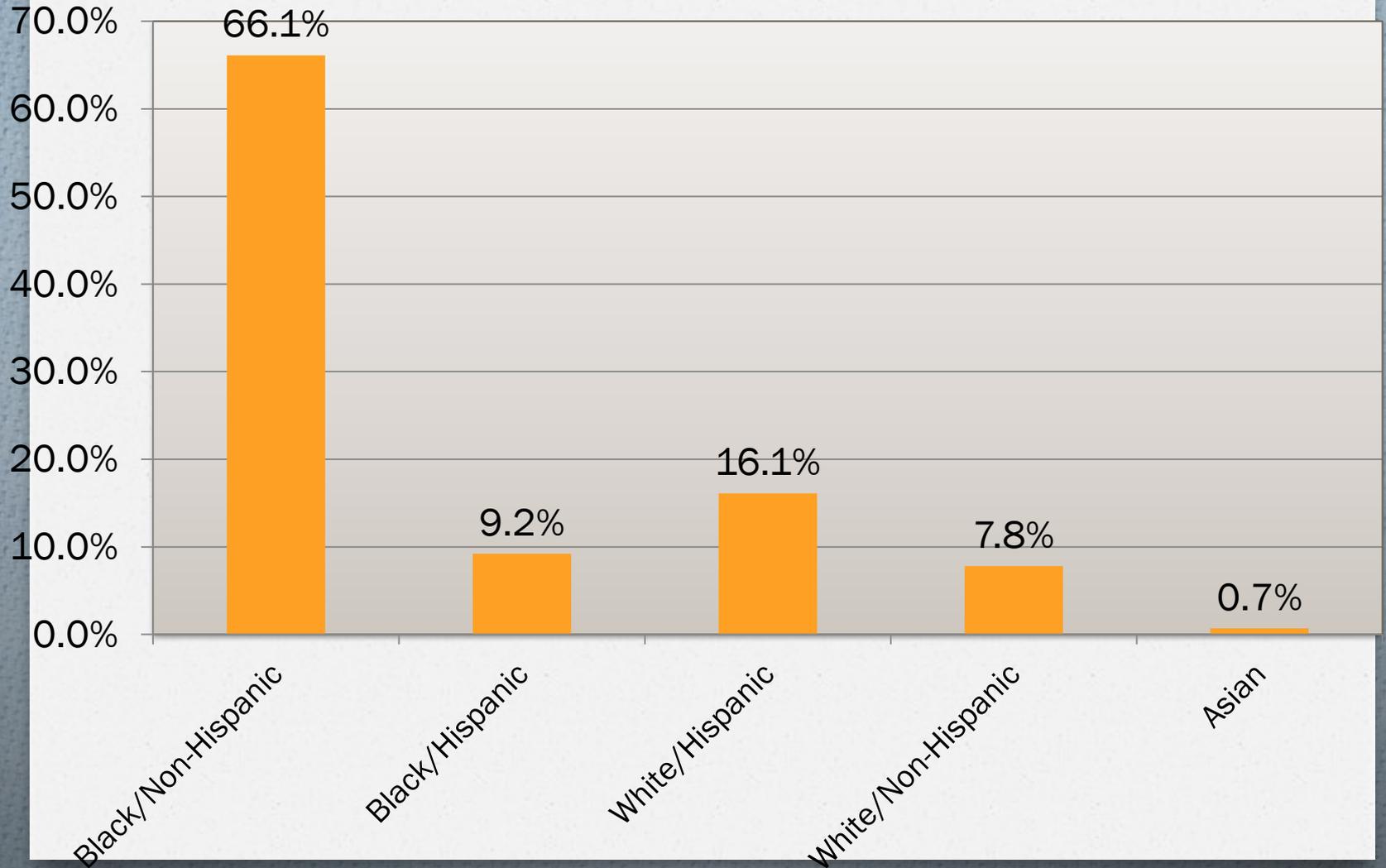


# BJC Percentage by Age (BJC 2018 N=306)

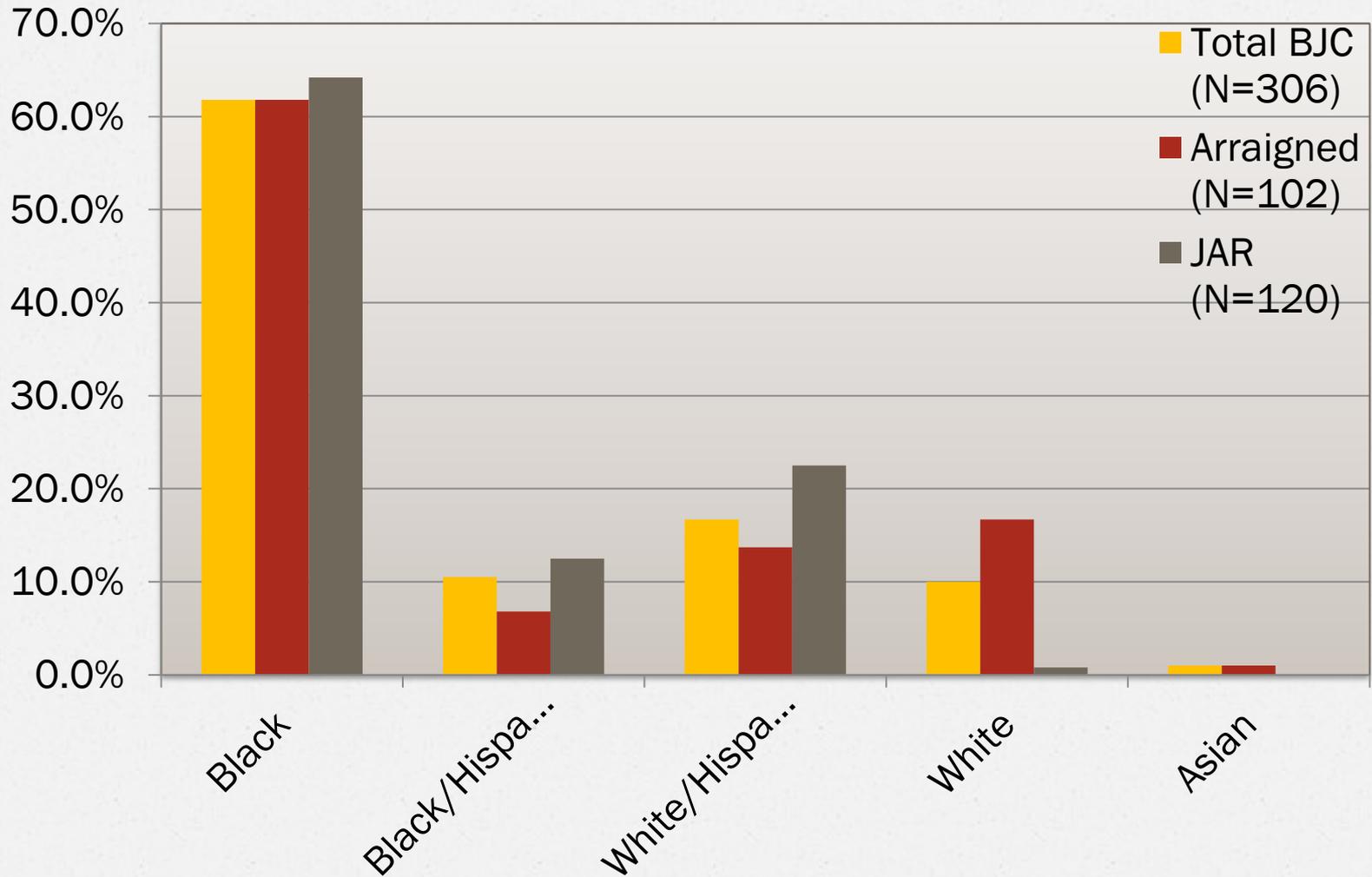


# 2018 Race/Ethnicity

(BJC & DOT - N=422)

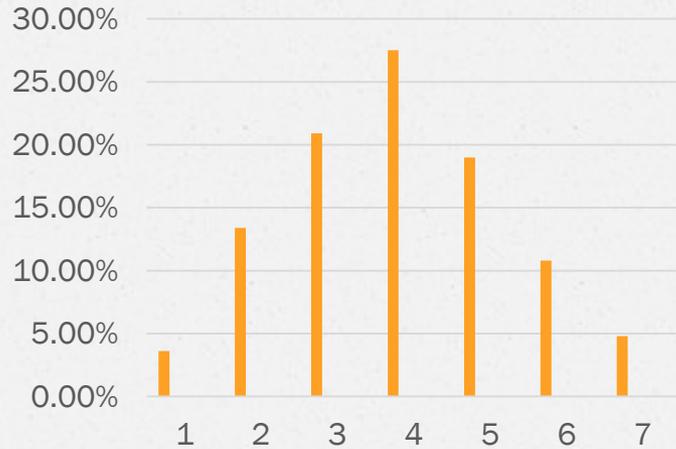


## Percentage by Race/Ethnicity - Total vs. Arr.

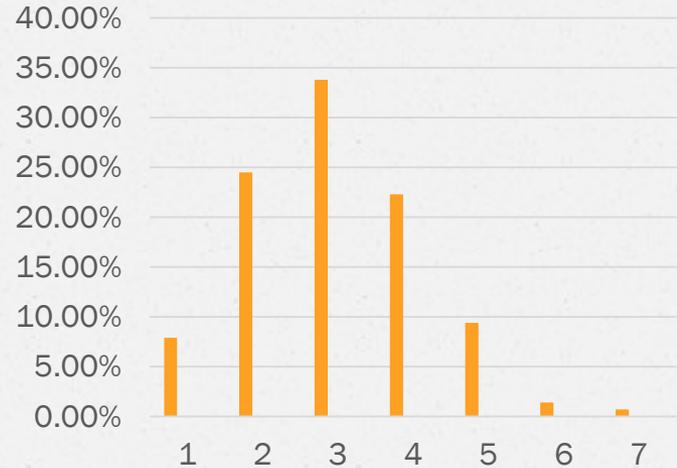


# OYAS Level Across Case Type

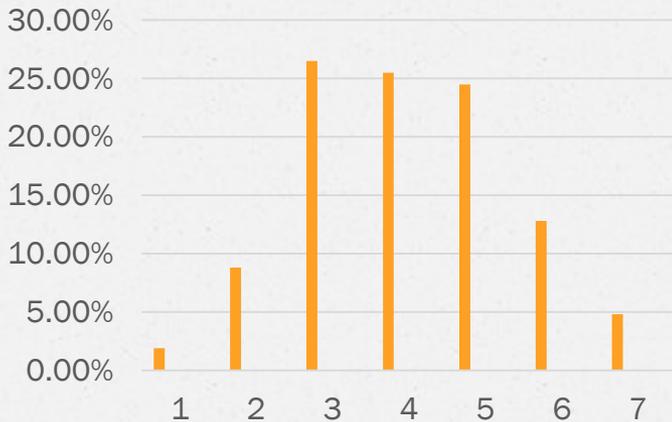
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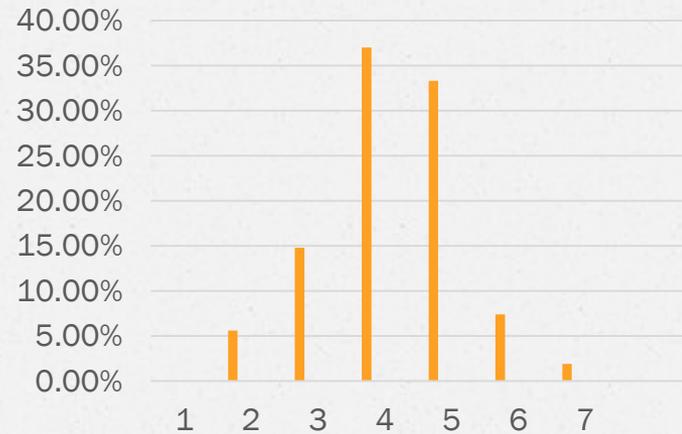
## Informal



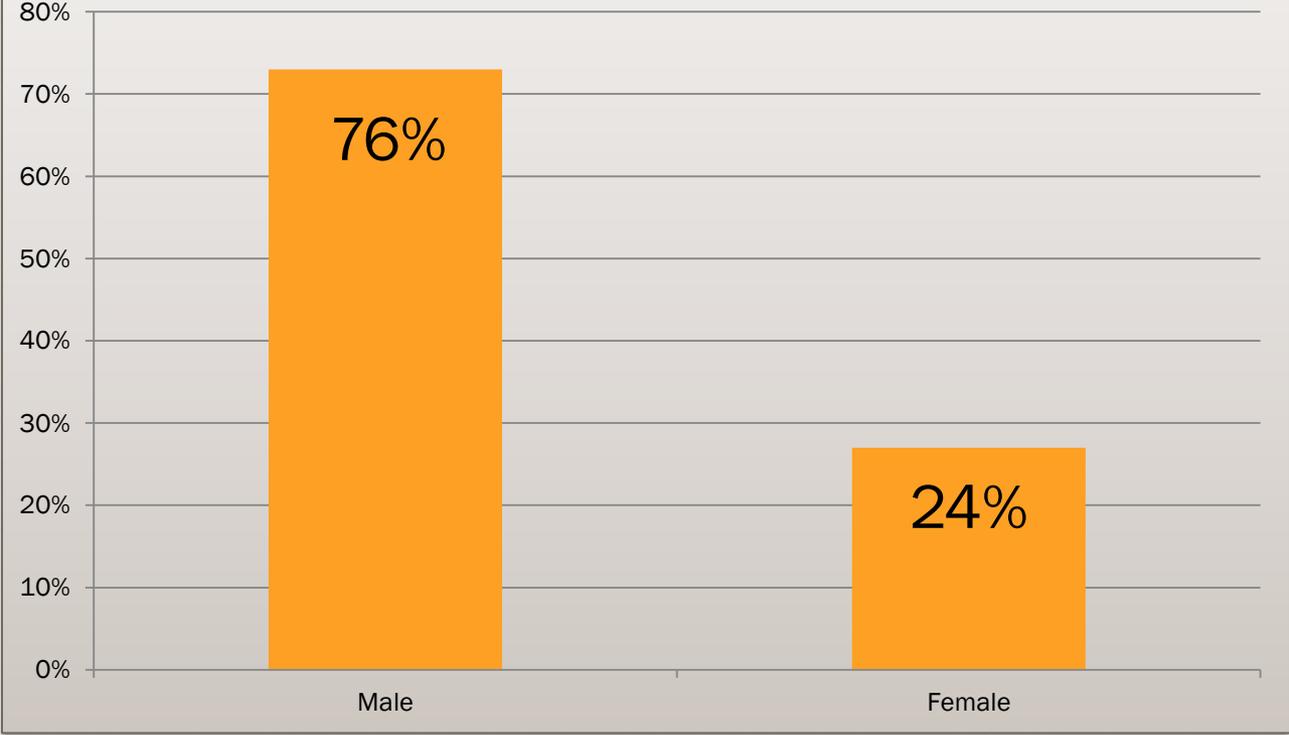
## Arraigned



## JAR

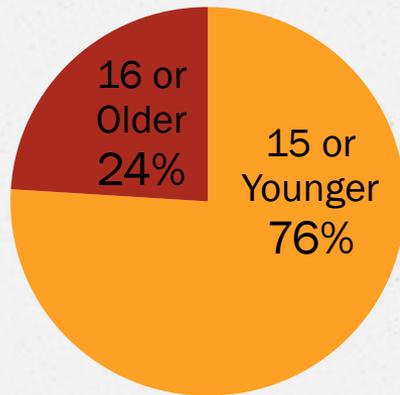


# JAR Percentage by Gender (N=120)



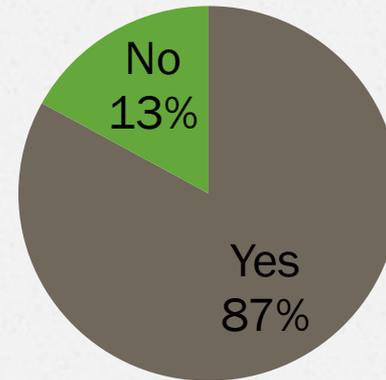
## First Contact with Juvenile Justice System

(N=120)

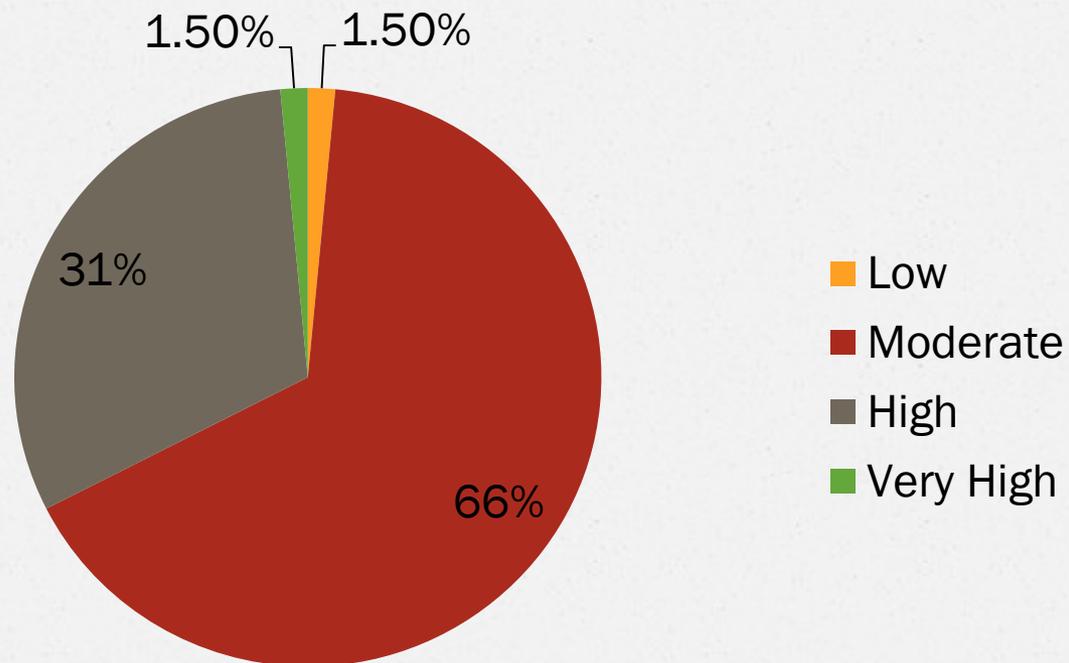


## Close Family Member Ever Been Arrested

(N=120)



## JAR Youth Risk Level Per YLS (N=65)



# System Wide Changes

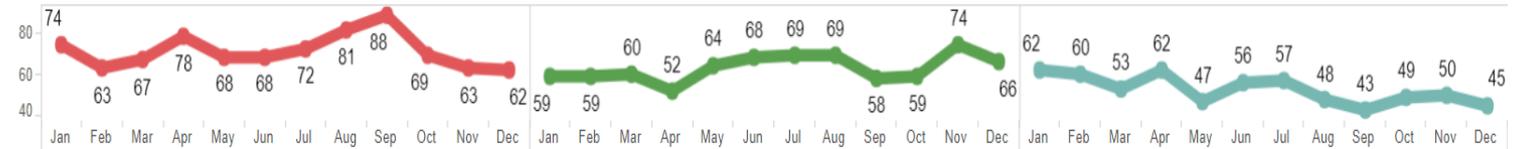
## Monthly Report of Probation Activity: Juvenile Court Department Trends

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### Risk/Need Caseload



### Administrative Caseload



### Pretrial Caseload



### Level of Risk/Need Supervision



# Community Partners

- RFK Children's Action Corps – Detention Diversion Advocacy Program (DDAP)
- Justice Resource Institute (JRI) – SMART Team Clinical Services
- Boys & Girls Club of Boston – Youth Connect
- More Than Words
- Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) – Youth Programs & Services
- Charlestown Coalition
- MissionSAFE
- Salvation Army – Bridging The Gap at the Kroc Center
- C4RJ – Communities for Restorative Justice



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# **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**

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- What are the barriers to improving/expanding diversion?
- What community partnerships are needed and where are the gaps?
- How do we ensure a level of equity across the state with regards to access to diversion & programming?
- What role could/should state government play?

# Next Meeting

- May 21<sup>st</sup>: 2pm – 4pm, Ashburton 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room
- June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – 4pm, TBD